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Dear Mom and Dad,

My midterm exam in Communications Theory is tomorrow night so I had to study all weekend. The test is "closed book", but one sheet of 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper is allowed. It is a real job trying to fit all the necessary formulas on a single sheet of paper! The weather was sunny and reasonably mild over the weekend and Vickie had a chance to enjoy it as she went into the Smithsonian both days. She is taking a computer class in Cobol, but she finds it easy and is ahead of the assignments.

Sunday night I made stuffed manicotti which is a dish I know you enjoy. I filled the uncooked tubes with a mixture of ricotta, ~~cottage cheese~~, and herbs and baked them in the oven. I put a layer of tomato sauce on the bottom of the casserole and covered the manicotti with tomato sauce and parmesan. After 50 minutes they were done perfectly, so it is not necessary to precook the noodles. I do the same with lasagna.

The travel section on Sunday featured Washington State and had a lot of good ideas about things to do and see. We hope to visit later in the year when I get another business trip to the West Coast. We will save the article and maybe we can plan some activities.

I have enclosed a large quantity of clippings which you may find of interest. They are not required reading, however, so toss them out if you wish!

Work and classes are keeping us pretty busy, but we do find time to enjoy ourselves as well. It's starting to feel a little like spring and I wish you were here so we could go on some drives together. We hope to get out next weekend, but have not made any plans yet. I'll try to write again soon.

Love,

Jim & Vickie